

WELCOME...

...to this year's guide – and to news of some major tax initiatives. First, the four-page tax return's going national. Coupled with changes in the self-assessment criteria, that should mean that, in future, fewer people will have to complete the 10-page tax return. Second, the Civil Partnership Act is likely to extend the tax benefits of marriage to registered same-sex couples – very important for things like inheritance tax. And last, but not least, child trust fund vouchers have arrived. Find out more in the pages that follow.

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